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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: BOSCOLO

Serial No.:

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For: Method And Device For Producing A Composite Nonwoven  
For Receiving And Storing Liquids

Group:

Examiner:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 19, 2002

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of this application and prior to calculation  
of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

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3. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterised in that to the wood pulp layer is applied a fourth layer as a cover layer and everything is together subjected to hydrodynamic needling for connection purposes.
4. (Amended) Device for accomplishing the method according to claim 1, characterised in that the continuous plant comprising firstly a web-laying device such as a carding machine (1-4) or a spunbonded fabric system to produce a carrier nonwoven, then, in order to reduce the loss of pulp fibres in the subsequent